

The Office of the Governor **Proclamation**

Executive Department State of Idaho State Capitol Boise

WHEREAS, 34.3 million United States residents claim Irish ancestry, including 144,512 in Idaho residents; and

WHEREAS, many of the pioneers and settlers of the western United States were of Irish descent; and

WHEREAS, many of these Irish pioneers and settlers helped build and establish the great State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, each year on March 17th, we celebrate the culture and heritage of Irish-Americans through music, dance, art and literature; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the Irish-American community of Idaho during its season of celebration;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER, Governor of the State of Idaho, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2007 to be

IRISH-AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

in Idaho, and I urge all of Idaho's citizens to recognize and celebrate this occasion.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this 22^{nd} day of February in the year of our Lord two-thousand and seven and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred thirty-first and of the Statehood of Idaho the one hundred seventeenth.

C.L. "BUTCH" OTTER GOVERNOR

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